

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled).

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of Claim 1 further~~ A method of locating a remote resource using a system core, the method comprising:
receiving a query from a client;
prior to sending the query, running the query in an advertising service associated with the system core
sending the query from the system core to a remote core over a communication network; and
in response to the query, receiving from the remote core a message identifying a remote resource.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Canceled).

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of Claim 1, further~~ A method of locating a remote resource using a system core, the method comprising:
receiving a query from a client;
prior to sending the query, locating a remote core by:
accessing a portal;
sending a query to be run in the portal; and
receiving a connection object from the remote core associated with a remote advertising service matching the query run by the portal
sending the query from the system core to the remote core over a communication network; and
in response to the query, receiving from the remote core a message identifying a remote resource..

7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 6, further comprising:
establishing a connection with the remote core using the connection object;
retrieving an identification of a resource handler of a remote resource matching the query received from the client; and
contacting the resource handler to access the remote resource.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The system of Claim 8 further~~ A system for locating remote resources, the system comprising:
a system core connected to a communication network;
a system core computer program executable by the system core, the system core computer program comprising computer instructions for:
receiving a query from a client;
sending the query to a remote core; and
in response to the query, receiving from the remote core a message identifying a remote resource; and
an advertising service associated with the system core;
wherein the system core computer program further comprises computer instructions for:
running the query from the client against the advertising service prior to sending the query.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The system of Claim 8 further~~ A system for locating remote resources, the system comprising:
 a system core connected to a communication network; and
 a system core computer program executable by the system core, the system core computer program comprising computer instructions for:
 receiving a query from a client;
 sending the query to a remote core; and
 in response to the query, receiving from the remote core a message identifying a remote resource; and
 a portal connected to the communication network;
 wherein the system core computer program further comprises computer instructions for:

- locating the remote core by accessing the portal;
- sending a query to be run by the portal; and
- receiving a connection object from the remote core associated with a remote advertising service matching the query run by the portal.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 12 wherein the system core computer program further comprises computer instructions for:

- sending the query to the remote core by invoking a connection with the remote core using the connection object; and
- retrieving an identification of a resource handler from the remote core, wherein the resource handler handles a remote resource matching the query received from the client.